

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-25, 35, 37-38, 49, 51-52, 64, 68, 75, and 79 are cancelled. Claims 26-34, 36, 39-48, 50, 53-63, 65-67, 69-74, 76-78, and 80-86 remain in this application and, as amended herein, are submitted for the Examiner's reconsideration.

Claims 26, 39-40, 53-58, 67, 78, and 80-86 have been amended to place the application in condition for allowance. Further, claims 36, 50, 65-66, and 76-77 have been amended to maintain proper claim dependency. It is therefore submitted that this Amendment should be entered.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 37, 39, 51, 53, 67-68, and 78-79 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but indicated that the claims would be allowable if rewritten. The Examiner also rejected claims 26, 29-32, 38, 40, 43-46, 52, 54-58, 60-61, 64-66, 69, 71-72, 75-77, and 80-86 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Arrow (U.S. Patent No. 6,154,839); claims 33-36, 47-50, 62-63, and 73-74 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Arrow in view of Chiu (U.S. Patent No. 5,784,597); and claims 27-28, 41-42, 59, and 70 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Arrow in view of Dillon (U.S. Patent No. 5,659,615).

Claims 26, 54-55, 57, 84, and 86 have been amended to include limitations previously called for in claim 35 and in allowable claim 37; claims 40, 56, and 85 have been amended to include the limitations previously called for in claim 49 and in allowable claim 51; claims 58, 80-81, 83-84, and 86 have been amended to include limitations previously called for in claim 64 and in allowable claim 68; and claims 69, 82, and 85 have been amended to include limitations previously called for in claim 75 and in allowable claim 79. Further, allowable claims 39, 53, 67, and 78 have each been rewritten in independent form to

include the limitations of its respective base claim and intervening claim. Moreover, rejected claims 35, 37-38, 49, 51-52, 64, 68, 75, and 79 are cancelled.

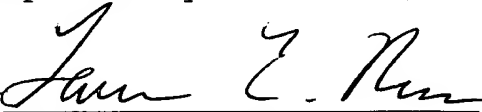
It is therefore submitted that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and § 103(a) should be withdrawn and that the application is in condition for allowance.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which the Examiner might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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